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Message to the Congress on Trade With Vietnam

June 8, 2001

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 407 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2434) (the “Trade Act”), I am transmitting a copy of a proclamation that extends non-discriminatory tariff treatment to the products of Vietnam. As an annex to the proclamation, I also enclose the text of the “Agreement Between the United States of America and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on Trade Relations,” which was signed on July 13, 2000, including related annexes and exchanges of letters.

Implementation of this Agreement will strengthen political relations between the United States and Vietnam and produce economic benefits for both countries. It will also help to reinforce political and economic reform in Vietnam.

I believe that the Agreement is consistent with both the letter and spirit of the Trade Act. The Agreement provides for mutual extension of nondiscriminatory tariff treatment, while seeking to ensure overall reciprocity of economic benefits. The Agreement includes safeguard arrangements designed to ensure that imports from Vietnam will not disrupt the U.S. market.

The Agreement also facilitates and expands the rights that U.S. businesses will have in conducting commercial transactions both within Vietnam and with Vietnamese nationals and business entities, and includes provisions dealing with settlement of commercial disputes, investment, financial transactions, and the establishment of government commercial offices. Vietnam also agrees to adopt standards for intellectual property protection that match the standards set forth in the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights.

On June 1, 2001, I waived application of subsections 402 (a) and (b) of the Trade Act with respect to Vietnam. I urge that Congress act as soon as possible to approve, by a joint

resolution referred to in section 151 (b) (3) of the Trade Act, the extension of non-discriminatory treatment to the products of Vietnam as provided for in the Agreement.

George W. Bush

The White House,
June 8, 2001.

Memorandum on a Determination Under Section 405(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as Amended, Concerning the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

June 8, 2001

Presidential Determination No. 2001–18

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Determination under Section 405(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, Concerning the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2431 *et seq.*) (the “Trade Act”), I determine, pursuant to section 405(a) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2435(a)), that the “Agreement Between the United States of America and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on Trade Relations” will promote the purposes of the Trade Act and is in the national interest.

You are authorized and directed to publish this determination in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

June 3

In the afternoon, the President returned from Camp David, MD, to Washington, DC, where he and Mrs. Bush hosted a tee-ball game on the South Lawn.

June 4

In the morning, the President traveled to Everglades National Park, FL.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Miami, FL, where he met with the Most Rev. John Clement Favalora, Archbishop of Miami. Later, he traveled to Tampa, FL.

The President announced his intention to nominate Laurie Rich to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Frances P. Maniella to be Director of the National Park Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patrick M. Cronin to be Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development for Policy and Program Coordination.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and landslides beginning May 15 and continuing.

June 5

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC.

June 6

In the morning, the President traveled to Bedford, VA, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patrick Francis Kennedy to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.

June 7

In the morning, the President participated in a telephone interview with the Omaha World-Herald from the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to nominate J. Thomas Schieffer to be Ambassador to Australia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nancy Jo Powell to be Ambassador to Ghana.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas J. Miller to be Ambassador to Greece.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael E. Guest to be Ambassador to Romania.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Parker to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

The President announced his intention to nominate Reginald Jude Brown to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ronald M. Sega to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering.

The President announced his intention to nominate Josefina Carbonell to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Aging.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kevin Kennedy to be Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development for the Bureau of Humanitarian Response.

The President announced his intention to nominate Laura E. Kennedy to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan.

The President announced his intention to nominate John P. Stenbit to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence.

The President announced his intention to nominate Judith Elizabeth Ayres to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for International Activities.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jo Anne Barnhart to be a Commissioner of Social Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate Claude M. Kicklighter to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning.

The White House announced that the President has invited President John Kufuor of Ghana, President Abdoulaye Wade of Senegal, and President Alpha Oumar Konare of Mali to the Oval Office for a working visit on June 28.

June 8

In the morning, the President traveled to Dallas Center, IA, and later, traveled to Omaha, NE, where he threw the first pitch at the College World Series Game 1.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Crawford, TX.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susan Schmidt Bies to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System representing the Seventh District.

The White House announced that the President will meet with President Miguel Angel Rodriguez of Costa Rica on July 13.

The White House announced that the President will meet with President Alfonso Portillo of Guatemala at the White House on July 5.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Prime Minister Chok Tong Goh of Singapore on June 11.

to be Assistant Secretary of State (Administration), vice Patrick Francis Kennedy.

Robert S. Martin,
of Texas, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, vice Diane B. Frankel, resigned.

Mark B. McClellan,
of California, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers, vice Robert Z. Lawrence.

Diane K. Morales,
of Texas, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, vice Roger W. Kallock.

Richard R. Nedelkoff,
of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, vice Nancy E. Gist, resigned.

Janet Rehnquist,
of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, vice June Gibbs Brown, resigned.

Mercer Reynolds,
of Ohio, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Alexander R. Vershbow,
of the District of Columbia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Russian Federation.

John P. Walters,
of Michigan, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, vice Barry R. McCaffrey, resigned.

Submitted June 7

Alex Azar II,
of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services, vice Harriet S. Rabb, resigned.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted June 5

Vicky A. Bailey,
of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs and Domestic Policy), vice David L. Goldwyn, resigned.

Rebecca O. Campoverde,
of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education, vice Scott Snyder Fleming, resigned.

Deborah J. Daniels,
of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Laurie O. Robinson, resigned.

William A. Eaton,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor,